



Some Functional Inequalities and Inclusion Relationships Associated with Certain Families of Integral Operators

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Abstract—By making use of certain familiar integral operators, the authors introduce and investigate several new subclasses of starlike, convex, close-to-convex, and quasi-convex functions. Among other results presented here, the authors establish a number of inclusion relationships associated with some of these integral operators. Some of the results established in this paper would provide extensions of those given in earlier works. © 2005 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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1. INTRODUCTION, DEFINITIONS, AND PRELIMINARIES

Let \mathcal{A} denote the class of functions f normalized by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad (1.1)$$

which are *analytic* in the *open* unit disk

$$\mathbb{U} := \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}.$$

Suppose also that \mathcal{S} denotes the subclass of \mathcal{A} consisting of all functions which are *univalent* in \mathbb{U} .

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We denote by $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$, $\mathbb{K}(\alpha)$, $\mathcal{C}(\beta, \alpha)$, and $\mathcal{C}^*(\beta, \alpha)$, the familiar subclasses of \mathcal{A} consisting of functions which are, respectively, *starlike of order α* in \mathbb{U} , *convex of order α* in \mathbb{U} , *close-to-convex of order β and type α* in \mathbb{U} , and *quasi-convex of order β and type α* in \mathbb{U} . Thus, by definition, we have (for details, see [1–4])

$$\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } \Re \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha \ (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1) \right\}, \quad (1.2)$$

$$\mathbb{K}(\alpha) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } \Re \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \alpha \ (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1) \right\}, \quad (1.3)$$

$$\mathcal{C}(\beta, \alpha) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A}, g \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha), \text{ and } \Re \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right) > \beta \ (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1) \right\}, \quad (1.4)$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}^*(\beta, \alpha) := \left\{ f : f \in \mathcal{A}, g \in \mathbb{K}(\alpha), \text{ and } \Re \left(\frac{(zf'(z))'}{g'(z)} \right) > \beta \ (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1) \right\}. \quad (1.5)$$

It is easily observed from the definitions (1.2)–(1.5) that

$$f(z) \in \mathbb{K}(\alpha) \iff zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) \quad (1.6)$$

and

$$f(z) \in \mathcal{C}^*(\beta, \alpha) \iff zf'(z) \in \mathcal{C}(\beta, \alpha). \quad (1.7)$$

In particular, the class $\mathcal{C}^*(\beta, \alpha)$ of quasi-convex functions of order β and type α in \mathbb{U} was considered recently by Noor [4].

Several interesting families of integral operators, which have been investigated rather extensively in *analytic function theory*, including each of the following integral operators,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z) &:= \frac{(\lambda+1)^{\mu}}{z^{\lambda} \Gamma(\mu)} \int_0^z t^{\lambda-1} \left(\log \frac{z}{t} \right)^{\mu-1} f(t) dt \\ &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda+1}{\lambda+n} \right)^{\mu} a_n z^n \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$

$$(\lambda > -1; \mu > 0; f \in \mathcal{A}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z) &:= \left(\frac{\lambda+\mu}{\lambda} \right) \frac{\mu}{z^{\lambda}} \int_0^z t^{\lambda-1} \left(1 - \frac{t}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} f(t) dt \\ &= z + \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+\mu+1)}{\Gamma(\lambda+1)} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+n)}{\Gamma(\lambda+\mu+n)} a_n z^n \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

$$(\lambda > -1; \mu > 0; f \in \mathcal{A}),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\mu} f(z) &:= \frac{\mu+1}{z^{\mu}} \int_0^z t^{\mu-1} f(t) dt \\ &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mu+1}{\mu+n} \right) a_n z^n \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

$$(\mu > -1; f \in \mathcal{A}),$$

where Γ denotes the Gamma function, $f \in \mathcal{A}$ is assumed to be given by (1.1), and (in general)

$$\binom{\lambda}{\mu} := \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+1)}{\Gamma(\lambda-\mu+1)\Gamma(\mu+1)} =: \binom{\lambda}{\lambda-\mu}. \quad (1.12)$$

The definitions (1.10) and (1.11) immediately yield the following relationship,

$$J_\mu f(z) = Q_\mu^1 f(z) \quad (\mu > -1). \quad (1.13)$$

The operators

$$P_1^\mu =: P^\mu, \quad Q_\lambda^\mu, \quad \text{and} \quad J_\mu$$

were introduced and studied by Jung *et al.* [5] (and, subsequently, [6–14]). For

$$\mu = m \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}; \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}),$$

these *special* integral operators were studied earlier by Bernardi [15,16]. Furthermore, just as already observed by (among others) Li and Srivastava [17, p. 135], the operator P^μ or P_1^μ is closely related to the *multipplier transformation* (or *fractional integral* and *fractional derivative*) investigated by Flett [18] and Kim *et al.* [19] (see also [20]).

The main object of this paper is to investigate the various inclusion relationships for each of the following subclasses of the *normalized* analytic function class \mathcal{A} , which are defined here by means of the Jung-Kim-Srivastava integral operator Q_λ^μ , given by (1.10).

DEFINITION 1. In conjunction with (1.2) and (1.10),

$$\mathcal{S}_{\lambda,\mu}^*(\alpha) := \{f : f \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } Q_\lambda^\mu f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) \ (0 \leq \alpha < 1)\}. \quad (1.14)$$

DEFINITION 2. In conjunction with (1.3) and (1.10),

$$\mathbb{K}_{\lambda,\mu}(\alpha) := \{f : f \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } Q_\lambda^\mu f \in \mathbb{K}(\alpha) \ (0 \leq \alpha < 1)\}. \quad (1.15)$$

DEFINITION 3. In conjunction with (1.4) and (1.10),

$$\mathcal{C}_{\lambda,\mu}(\beta, \alpha) := \{f : f \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } Q_\lambda^\mu f \in \mathcal{C}(\beta, \alpha) \ (0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1)\}. \quad (1.16)$$

DEFINITION 4. In conjunction with (1.5) and (1.10),

$$\mathcal{C}_{\lambda,\mu}^*(\beta, \alpha) := \{f : f \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } Q_\lambda^\mu f \in \mathcal{C}^*(\beta, \alpha) \ (0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1)\}. \quad (1.17)$$

In our investigation of the inclusion relationships involving the function classes given by Definitions 1–4 above, we shall make use of the following result (which is popularly known as the *Miller-Mocanu lemma*).

LEMMA. (See [21].) Let $\Theta(u, v)$ be a complex-valued function, such that

$$\Theta : \mathbb{D} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad (\mathbb{D} \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}),$$

\mathbb{C} being (as usual) the complex plane, and let

$$u = u_1 + \imath u_2 \quad \text{and} \quad v = v_1 + \imath v_2.$$

Suppose that the function $\Theta(u, v)$ satisfies each of the following conditions:

- (i) $\Theta(u, v)$ is continuous in \mathbb{D} ,
- (ii) $(1, 0) \in \mathbb{D}$ and $\Re(\Theta(1, 0)) > 0$,
- (iii) $\Re(\Theta(\imath u_2, v_1)) \leq 0$, for all $(\imath u_2, v_1) \in \mathbb{D}$, such that

$$v_1 \leq -\frac{1}{2}(1 + u_2^2).$$

Let

$$p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + p_3 z^3 + \cdots \quad (1.18)$$

be analytic (regular) in \mathbb{U} , such that

$$p(z) \neq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad (p(z), zp'(z)) \in \mathbb{D} \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

If

$$\Re(\Theta(p(z), zp'(z))) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$\Re(p(z)) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

2. THE MAIN INCLUSION RELATIONSHIPS

We first prove the following result.

THEOREM 1. Suppose that

$$f \in \mathcal{A}, \quad \lambda > -1, \quad \mu > 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda + \mu > -\alpha, \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1).$$

Then

$$f \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu}^*(\alpha) \implies f \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu+1}^*(\alpha)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu}^*(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu+1}^*(\alpha).$$

PROOF. Let $f \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu}^*(\alpha)$ and assume that

$$\frac{z \left(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z) \right)'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z)} - \alpha = (1 - \alpha) p(z), \quad (2.1)$$

where $p(z)$ is given by (1.18).

For the Jung-Kim-Srivastava integral operator Q_{λ}^{μ} defined by (1.10), it is known that

$$z \left(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z) \right)' = (\lambda + \mu + 1) Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z) - (\lambda + \mu) Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z) \quad (\lambda > -1; \mu > 0), \quad (2.2)$$

so that

$$\frac{(\lambda + \mu + 1) Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z)}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z)} = \frac{z \left(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z) \right)'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z)} + \lambda + \mu. \quad (2.3)$$

By combining (2.1) and (2.3), we obtain

$$\frac{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z)}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z)} = \frac{1}{\lambda + \mu + 1} [(1 - \alpha) p(z) + \alpha + \lambda + \mu]. \quad (2.4)$$

Now, we logarithmically differentiate both sides of (2.4) with respect to z , and thus, we find that

$$\frac{z \left(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z) \right)'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z)} = \frac{z \left(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z) \right)'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z)} + \frac{(1 - \alpha) zp'(z)}{(1 - \alpha) p(z) + \alpha + \lambda + \mu}, \quad (2.5)$$

which, in view of (2.1), yields

$$\frac{z \left(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z) \right)'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z)} - \alpha = (1 - \alpha) p(z) + \frac{(1 - \alpha) zp'(z)}{(1 - \alpha) p(z) + \alpha + \lambda + \mu}. \quad (2.6)$$

By taking

$$u = p(z) = u_1 + \imath u_2 \quad \text{and} \quad v = zp'(z) = v_1 + \imath v_2,$$

if we define the function $\Theta(u, v)$ by

$$\Theta(u, v) = (1 - \alpha)u + \frac{(1 - \alpha)v}{(1 - \alpha)u + \alpha + \lambda + \mu}, \quad (2.7)$$

then, clearly, $\Theta(u, v)$ is continuous in

$$\mathbb{D} = \left(\mathbb{C} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\alpha + \lambda + \mu}{\alpha - 1} \right\} \right) \times \mathbb{C}$$

and

$$(1, 0) \in \mathbb{D}, \quad \text{with } \Re(\Theta(1, 0)) > 0.$$

Moreover, for all $(\imath u_2, v_1) \in \mathbb{D}$, such that

$$v_1 \leq -\frac{1}{2}(1 + u_2^2),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re(\Theta(\imath u_2, v_1)) &= \Re\left(\frac{(1 - \alpha)v_1}{(1 - \alpha)\imath u_2 + \alpha + \lambda + \mu}\right) \\ &= \frac{(1 - \alpha)(\alpha + \lambda + \mu)v_1}{[(1 - \alpha)u_2]^2 + (\alpha + \lambda + \mu)^2} \\ &\leq -\frac{(1 - \alpha)(\alpha + \lambda + \mu)(1 + u_2^2)}{2\left([(1 - \alpha)u_2]^2 + (\alpha + \lambda + \mu)^2\right)} \\ &< 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

which shows that $\Theta(u, v)$ satisfies the hypotheses of the Miller-Mocanu Lemma. Thus, by making use of (1.2), (2.1), and (2.6), we readily arrive at the inclusion relationship asserted by Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. *Suppose that*

$$f \in \mathcal{A}, \quad \lambda > -1, \quad \mu > 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda + \mu > -\alpha \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1).$$

Then

$$f \in \mathbb{K}_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha) \implies f \in \mathbb{K}_{\lambda, \mu+1}(\alpha)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\mathbb{K}_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha) \subset \mathbb{K}_{\lambda, \mu+1}(\alpha).$$

PROOF. Let $f \in \mathbb{K}_{\lambda, \mu}(\alpha)$. Then, by Definition 2,

$$Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f \in \mathbb{K}(\alpha) \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1; \lambda > -1; \mu > 0),$$

which, in view of (1.6), implies that

$$z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z))' \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha),$$

that is,

$$Q_{\lambda}^{\mu}(zf'(z)) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha).$$

Thus, by Definition 1, we have

$$zf'(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu}^*(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu+1}^*(\alpha), \quad (2.9)$$

where we have also applied Theorem 1.

The inclusion relationship asserted by Theorem 2 would now follow easily from (2.9) in conjunction with (1.6), Definition 1, and Definition 2.

THEOREM 3. Suppose that

$$f \in \mathcal{A}, \quad \lambda > -1, \quad \mu > 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda + \mu > -\alpha \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1).$$

Then

$$f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda, \mu}(\beta, \alpha) \implies f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda, \mu+1}(\beta, \alpha)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\mathcal{C}_{\lambda, \mu}(\beta, \alpha) \subset \mathcal{C}_{\lambda, \mu+1}(\beta, \alpha).$$

PROOF. Let $f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda, \mu}(\beta, \alpha)$. Then, by Definition 3, there exists a function $h \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$ ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$), such that

$$\Re \left(\frac{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z))'}{h(z)} \right) > \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \beta < 1). \quad (2.10)$$

By setting

$$h(z) = Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1),$$

we find from Definition 1 and (2.10) that

$$g \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu}^*(\alpha)$$

and

$$\Re \left(\frac{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z))'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} g(z)} \right) > \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \beta < 1), \quad (2.11)$$

respectively.

We now let

$$\frac{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} f(z))'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1} g(z)} - \beta = (1 - \beta)p(z), \quad (2.12)$$

where $p(z)$ is given by (1.18). Making use of the operator identity (2.2), we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} f(z))'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} g(z)} &= \frac{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu}(zf'(z))}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu} g(z)} \\ &= \frac{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}(zf'(z)))' + (\lambda + \mu)Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}(zf'(z))}{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}g(z))' + (\lambda + \mu)Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}g(z)} \\ &= \left[\frac{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}(zf'(z)))'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}g(z)} + (\lambda + \mu) \frac{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}(zf'(z))}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}g(z)} \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\frac{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}g(z))'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}g(z)} + \lambda + \mu \right]^{-1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

By Theorem 1, we know that

$$g \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu}^*(\alpha) \implies g \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda, \mu+1}^*(\alpha),$$

so that we can set

$$\frac{z(Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}g(z))'}{Q_{\lambda}^{\mu+1}g(z)} = (1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha, \quad (2.14)$$

where

$$\Re(q(z)) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (2.15)$$

Upon substituting from (2.12) and (2.14) into (2.13), we have

$$\frac{z(Q_\lambda^\mu f(z))'}{Q_\lambda^\mu g(z)} = \frac{\left[z(Q_\lambda^{\mu+1}(zf'(z)))' \right] \cdot [Q_\lambda^{\mu+1}g(z)]^{-1} + (\lambda + \mu)[(1 - \beta)p(z) + \beta]}{(1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha + \lambda + \mu}. \quad (2.16)$$

By logarithmically differentiating both sides of (2.12) with respect to z , we also have

$$\frac{z(Q_\lambda^{\mu+1}(zf'(z)))'}{Q_\lambda^{\mu+1}g(z)} = (1 - \beta)zp'(z) + [(1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha][(1 - \beta)p(z) + \beta], \quad (2.17)$$

which, in conjunction with (2.16), yields

$$\frac{z(Q_\lambda^\mu f(z))'}{Q_\lambda^\mu g(z)} - \beta = (1 - \beta)p(z) + \frac{(1 - \beta)zp'(z)}{(1 - \alpha)q(z) + \alpha + \lambda + \mu} \quad (2.18)$$

The remainder of our proof of Theorem 3 is much akin to that of Theorem 1. Therefore, we choose to omit the analogous details involved.

Last, we prove an inclusion relationship involving the function class $\mathcal{C}_{\lambda,\mu}^*(\beta, \alpha)$ given by Definition 4.

THEOREM 4. *Suppose that*

$$f \in \mathcal{A}, \quad \lambda > -1, \quad \mu > 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda + \mu > -\alpha, \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1).$$

Then

$$f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,\mu}^*(\beta, \alpha) \implies f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,\mu+1}^*(\beta, \alpha)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\mathcal{C}_{\lambda,\mu}^*(\beta, \alpha) \subset \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,\mu+1}^*(\beta, \alpha).$$

PROOF. Just as we derived Theorem 2 as a consequence of Theorem 1 by means of the equivalence (1.6), we can prove Theorem 4 by appealing analogously to Theorem 3 and the equivalence (1.7).

3. REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS

As already exhibited by (1.13), the special case of the integral operator Q_λ^μ when $\mu = 1$ is precisely the operator J_λ ($\lambda > -1$) defined by (1.11). Our main results (Theorems 1–4 above) can thus be applied with a view to deducing the following consequences.

COROLLARY 1. *Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\lambda > -1$. Then*

$$f \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda,1}^*(\alpha) \implies f \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda,2}^*(\alpha).$$

Equivalently, if

$$J_\lambda f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\alpha) \quad (\lambda > -1; 0 \leq \alpha < 1),$$

then

$$f \in \mathcal{S}_{\lambda,n}^*(\alpha) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}).$$

COROLLARY 2. Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\lambda > -1$. Then

$$f \in \mathbb{K}_{\lambda,1}(\alpha) \implies f \in \mathbb{K}_{\lambda,2}(\alpha).$$

Equivalently, if

$$J_{\lambda}f(z) \in \mathbb{K}(\alpha) \quad (\lambda > -1; 0 \leq \alpha < 1),$$

then

$$f \in \mathbb{K}_{\lambda,n}(\alpha) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}).$$

COROLLARY 3. Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\lambda > -1$. Then

$$f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,1}(\beta, \alpha) \implies f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,2}(\beta, \alpha) \quad (\lambda > -1; 0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1).$$

Equivalently, if

$$J_{\lambda}f(z) \in \mathcal{C}(\beta, \alpha) \quad (\lambda > -1; 0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1),$$

then

$$f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,n}(\beta, \alpha) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}).$$

COROLLARY 4. Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\lambda > -1$. Then

$$f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,1}^*(\beta, \alpha) \implies f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,2}^*(\beta, \alpha) \quad (\lambda > -1; 0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1).$$

Equivalently, if

$$J_{\lambda}f(z) \in \mathcal{C}^*(\beta, \alpha) \quad (\lambda > -1; 0 \leq \alpha, \beta < 1),$$

then

$$f \in \mathcal{C}_{\lambda,n}^*(\beta, \alpha) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}).$$

Numerous other applications and consequences of our main results (Theorems 1 to 4) can indeed be derived similarly.

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